MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvella III*) May I know from the member whom we should ask for definite information in this matter?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : On a point of order. Can that question be allowed?

PRESIDENT : It is not a supplementary question. A supplementary question, let the House clearly understand, is merely for the purpose of eliciting information on an answer given by Government. Here, in this case, an answer has been given by Government. The question whom to ask for information does not arise on the question itself. It may be put as a separate question but not as a supplementary question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : A word of personal explanation. In view of the several answers given by the member in charge, we are compelled to ask such a question, because the answer invariably is 'I claim notice'.

PRESIDENT : I am going to say something on that myself.

Appointment of an Anchal peon as a clerk.

110. ✻**MR. K. KUNJUKISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Mr. Cyriac, who was an Anchal peon, has been appointed as an acting clerk in the Anchal Superintendent's Office :

(*b*) if so, whether the claims of any qualified volunteers, attached to the Anchal Superintendent's Office, were overlooked ; and

(*c*) if so, the reason therefor?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer given to (*b*).

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : With regard to part (*b*) of the question, may I know, Sir, whether there were any graduates among the volunteers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether the Anchal peon above mentioned has passed the Anchal Test examination?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The only information I have is that he is an eligible clerk volunteer and that he has acted as a clerk and as an Anchal Master in various places.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, Sir, whether the peon above mentioned has passed the Anchal Test examination?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, whether there is any rule that the persons who are appointed as clerks should pass the Anchal Test examination?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Before they are confirmed, they have to pass the examination.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether there is any other permanent peon in the department who has acted as Anchal Master?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There may be several persons.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether there is any one who has put in longer service than Mr. Cyriac?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Promotions and confirmations in the Anchal Department.

111. *MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in the Anchal Department, they consider seniority in acting service as claim for seniority for confirmation and promotion in service;

(*b*) if so, whether the present Anchal Superintendent observes that principle in cases of promotion and confirmation in the Anchal Department; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Seniority in acting service alone does not entitle a subordinate to confirmation and promotion. Passing of the Anchal Test, higher qualifications, efficiency, readiness to furnish security and service in the executive line are also taken into consideration for confirmation and promotion.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer given to (*a*).

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know, Sir, whether all the qualifications mentioned in part (*a*) have been strictly observed by the Anchal Superintendent in the appointments, confirmations and promotions that he has made?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*); I believe so.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, whether the member is in a positions to say 'yes' or 'no, definitely to that question?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): As far as Government are aware, these rules are followed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, whether Government enquired into that matter or called for a report from the Anchal Superintendent with regard to it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No complaint has been received.

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